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### Basic Information

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<b>Action required</b>	None
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	None

### Summary of Content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	Actions resulting from the previous assembly; plans for the next assembly
<b>Main points</b>	
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	Mission Council Paper M3, March 2016, and the discussion that arose from it.  General Assembly Resolutions 10, 47 and 48, July 2016.
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	

### Summary of Impact

<b>Financial</b>	No budgetary demands, other than those already agreed.
<b>External (e.g. ecumenical)</b>	

# GA2016 and plans for GA2018

1. The Assembly Arrangements committee met on 14 September and, although there are still a few payments to be received, was happy to accept a final budget for Assembly 2016. Contrary to earlier expectations, and due in no small part to the hard work and negotiating skills of the assembly office staff, the final figure was slightly under budget. It was reported that accommodation costs had been met within the £50 pppn allowance and that there would be no need to seek further finance from the synods for additional accommodation costs. It was also reported that the budget could support the full cost of all evening meals thus negating the need to call upon the generous offer from the synods to contribute to this.
2. It was reported that the committee's decision to recruit up to four Interns had met with partial success in that while several expressions of interest had been received only one, Ms Katy Ollerenshaw, had been able to attend. Nevertheless, her contribution had proved immensely valuable and it was agreed to continue using Interns but to start the recruitment process earlier. This would allow those selected to participate more fully in the early planning and thus to gain a fuller picture of the whole work of the Assembly.
3. Since the Assembly, some members of the committee have met with the Moderators-elect in Nottingham in order that they might see the venue for the 2018 Assembly. The opportunity was also taken to visit the Nottingham Trent University conference centre – a modern city centre venue, and details resulting from this visit have been forwarded to the working party set up by the Assembly to consider future patterns of meeting.
4. The work of the AAC is such that it is always planning for at least two assemblies. Although the more detailed work for 2018 cannot be initiated until much nearer to the time of the Assembly, all basic planning is complete. (In this connection, tribute should be paid to St Andrew's with Castle Gate United Reformed Church, which has been identified as the venue for the pre-assembly 'What Do You Think?' event and as a base for young people and other activities during the assembly. The Church Meeting there has most generously made their facilities available to us at no cost.)
5. Preliminary planning for the Assembly of 2020 – which will be held in Scotland – has begun, but in order that the assembly working party on the future of the assemblies might have as free a hand as possible, no formal commitments will be entered into until after the autumn 2017 meeting of Mission Council, in response to the report that the working party is due to present on that occasion.

